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SUBJECT: KHADDAM DISCUSSES LEBANON

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I JOIN AMBASSADOR PARKER IN HIS HOPE THAT OUR READERS HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN IN BY KHADDAM'S ASSERTIONS THAT SYRIAN ADF FOLLOWS LEBANESE ORDERS. SINCE THIS POSTURE HAS PROVEN SO USEFUL TO SYRIAN POLICY MAKERS OVER THE LAST EIGHTEEN MONTHS, HOWEVER, I EXPECT SYRIANS TO REITERATE IT EVERYTIME THE SUBJECTS OF ADF DEPLOYMENT AND DEPORTMENT ARISE IN OFFICAL CONVERSATIONS. APPRECIATIONS OF THE STRENGTH OF A FIG LEAF VARIES WITH THE WEARER. FOR SARKIS, HSI COVER AS CINC/ADF MAY SEEM "VERY THIN". FOR ASSAD, IT OFFERS REASSURING PROTECTION, AND IS RATED AS OF HIGH QUALITY BOILERPLATE, CUSTOM MADE IN SYRIA.
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